

Agenda: Governor, Thompson (education perspective), Huggins (law enforcement perspective)

#### Talking Points for Commissioner Huggins

- As Governor Musgrove said,
- The Crisis Response Box has one simple goal: to immediately provide information for effective management of a critical incident.
- By being prepared for a crisis, everyone involved will be able to work, in a combined effort, to control the situation, rather than be controlled **by** the situation.
- Each school should have “The Box” in a central location that is easy to access.
- And a corresponding box kept with other officials such as the local law enforcement agency.
- If the Crisis Response Box had been in place during the tragedies of Pearl and Columbine, those situations might have ended differently.
- We have the opportunity to use those experiences to prevent future crises.
- The emergency personnel and school officials involved in these and other critical incidents were asked to consider what information would have been helpful during their time of crisis.
- Their answers became the basis for creating a crisis response information inventory.
- This list consists of 22 pieces of information that will be critical in a crisis situation.
- Some of the items on the list are:
  - a campus layout
  - rosters and pictures of students, teachers and other employees
  - evacuation sites
  - and designated command posts
- If a crisis occurs every school employee should be aware of the crisis plan in order to follow procedure and work hand in hand with the authorities.
- As mentioned before, a crisis requires a group effort and authorities and school administrators should be on a first name basis with each other.
- Knowing and trusting the people you are working with saves the time of assigning responsibility and provides a peace of mind that everyone knows their duties.
- Being prepared is the key to controlling and possibly preventing a crisis.
- With the Crisis Response Box, our schools can take the steps to prepare before a crisis occurs.
- Rather than waiting for another tragedy to remind us to act, now is the time to take action to prevent future crises.